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SUBJECT: PAKISTANI EFFORTS TO MEDIATE CYPRUS PROBLEM

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1. IN CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AUGUST 30, PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR YAQUB PROVIDED BRIEFING ON GOP EFFORTS TO MEDIATE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY ON CYPRUS DISPUTE. AFTER PROVIDING BACKGROUND ON PAKISTANI INVOLVEMENT (REFTELS), YAQUB SAID INITIAL ROUND OF TALKS CONDUCTED BY FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI HAD PRODUCED SOME MOVEMENT IN GREEK POSITION BUT THAT TURKS HAD REMAINED NON-COMMITTAL.

2. KARAMANLIS HAD TAKEN POSITION THAT NOTHING SHORT OF OPENING GESTURE BY TURKS - SUCH AS ALLOWING GREEK CYPRIOTS TO RETURN TO HOMES IN OCCUPIED AREAS - WOULD PERMIT NEGOTIATIONS TO BE PURSUED ON BASIS OF TRUST NECESSARY FOR

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SUCCESS. SHAHI SUGGESTED TO KARAMANLIS NEED FOR QUID PRO QUO AND VOLUNTEERED THAT LIFTING OF SIEGE ON TURKISH ENCLAVES MIGHT BE REASONABLE GREEK OFFER. WITHOUT COMMITTING SELVES, GREEKS SAID THIS COULD FORM BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. IN ANKARA SHAHI FOUND TURKS NON-COMMITTAL, BUT THEY HAD NOT REJECTED PROPOSALS OUT OF HAND. GOT UNDERTOOK TO CONSIDER MATTER. WITHOUT GOING BACK TO ATHENS, SHAHI

RETURNED TO ISLAMABAD TWO DAYS AGO. SHAHI PROVIDED ABOVE INFORMATION TO YAQUB AUGUST 29, ADDING THAT SINCE LEAVING THE AREA HE HAD HEARD THE GREEKS MAY HAVE RECONSIDERED THEIR POSITION AND RAISED THE ANTE TO A DEMAND FOR SOME SORT OF WITHDRAWAL.

4. THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS IS REPORTEDLY BEING RECEIVED BY KARAMANLIS TODAY. THE PAKS ARE EXPECTING TO RECEIVE "SOMETHING FRESH" AND HOPE THAT IT WILL BE A POSITION AT LEAST SOMEWHAT SHORT OF A DEMAND FOR TURKISH WITHDRAWAL. MEANWHILE, THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER RESPONSE FROM THE TURKS.

5. INGERSOLL ASKED IF THE GOP WAS KEEPING THE BRITISH INFORMED. YAQUB THOUGHT NOT, BUT HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION. YAQUB UNDERTOOK TO "TAKE UP ON HIS OWN" THE QUESTION OF CONSULTATIONS WITH BRITAIN. YAQUB ALSO SAID AMBASSADOR BYROADE WOULD BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED.

6. INGERSOLL COMMENTED THAT THE PUBLIC GREEK POSITION SEEMED MUCH MORE STRINGENT THAN THAT IMPARTED TO THE PAKS. YAQUB AGREED AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS MEANT GREEKS MIGHT BE WILLING TO MOVE AWAY FROM HARD LINE.

7. SINCE DRAFTING THE ABOVE, WE HAVE SEEN ISLAMABAD 8352 WHICH PRESENTS SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT ACCOUNT OF THESE EVENTS. WE ASSUME AMBASSADOR BYROADE'S REPORT IS THE MORE AUTHORITATIVE VERSION, BUT ARE SENDING THIS FOR THE RECORD. INGERSOLL

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